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TAGS: GATT ETRD EEC

SUBJ: GATT COUNCIL DISCUSSION OF LOME CONVENTION

REF: A) GENEVA 5403; B) GENEVA 5128; C) USEC BRUSSELS 5192

BEGIN SUMMARY: BRAZIL SAID LOME CONVENTION INTRODUCES
DISCRIMINATORY DIVISION BETWEEN LDCS AND ASKED THAT
COMPENSATION BE PAID TO OUTSIDERS. GATT WORKING PARTY
ESTABLISHED. END SUMMARY.

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1. DURING JULY 11 GATT COUNCIL, EC SAID THAT THEY READY
PARTICIPATE IN GATT WORKING PARTY ON LOME CONVENTION AND
FOLLOW USUAL QUESTION AND ANSWER PROCEDURE. JAMAICA, ON
BEHALF ACP COUNTRIES, SAID SAME. AS INDICATED IN

REFTELS, U.S. DID NOT SPEAK. IVORY COAST (WHICH IS GATT CP) ASKED WHETHER NON-CPS WHICH MEMBERS OF LOME CONVENTION COULD PARTICIPATE IN WP. NO OBJECTION RAISED AND COUNCIL APPROVD. WORKING PARTY ESTABLISHED WITH TERMS OF REFERENCE "TO EXAMINE LOME CONVENTION IN LIGHT OF RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND REPORT TO COUNCIL". MEMBERSHIP OPEN TO ALL CPS INDICATING WISH TO SERVE. U.S. IS MEMBER. CHAIRMANSHIP STILL SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS; SUBJECT TO BE RAISED AT NEXT COUNCIL.

2. BRAZIL ANNOUNCED INITIATION OF OWN STUDY OF LOME CONVENTION, SAID THEIR CURRENT ATTITUDE CAN BE SUMMARIZED IN FOUR POINTS:

A) SOME OF CONVENTION'S FEATURES SUCH AS STABEX MAY BE CONSIDERED AS POSITIVE STEP IN DEVELOPING NEW DC-LDC COOPERATION, BUT INTRODUCTION OF DISCRIMINATORY DIVISION BETWEEN LDCS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED MATTER OF GRAVE CONCERN TO ALL GATT CPS. LOME CONVENTION IS DISCRIMINATORY AND PREFERENTIAL.

B) THERE IS NEED FOR NORMAL THOROUGH GATT EXAMINATION; FURTHER DEBATE CAN BE LEFT FOR WP.

C) ADEQUATE COMPENSATION SHOULD BE OFFERED TO LDCS WHICH NOT PARTICIPANTS IN CONVENTION--COMPENSATION PAID TO BE EITHER IN MTN OR IN OTHER AREAS.

E) BRAZIL WISHES PARTICIPATE IN WP.

3. COMMENT: DURING JULY 11 COUNCIL, MEXICO WAS ACCORDED OBSERVER STATUS IN BOTH GATT COUNCIL AND WORKING PARTIES (ALTHOUGH THEY DID NOT ASK TO SPEAK ON LOME CONVENTION). THUS, NON-CP LDCS ON BOTH SIDES OF LOME FENCE ARE ALSO LINING UP FOR WORKING PARTY.

4. ACTION REQUIRED: QUESTIONS FOR WORKING PARTY ON LOME CONVENTION ARE DUE TO GATT SECRETARIAT BY SEPT 30. ABRAMS

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